

DISCOVERIE

Of 29 Sects here in *London*, all
of which, except the first, are most Devillish and
damnable, being these which follow.



Protestants

Puritans

Papists

Brownists

Calvinists

Lutherans

Family of Love

Mahometans

Adamites

Brightmanists

Arminians

Sofnians

Theſſalonians

Anabaptists

Separatists



Chaldeans

Electrians

Donatists

Persians

Antinomians

Assyrians

Macedonians

Heathens

Panonians

Saturnians

Iunonians

Bacchanalians

Damassians

The Brotherhood.



My house is called a House of Prayer, but yee have made
it a Den of Thieves. *Math. 23. 13.*

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To the Reader.

Entle Reader, I have descryed within this City of London, no lesse then 29. Sects, all which thou maist read in the Title, of which there is but one, which are not most damnable and wicked; this have I undertaken that the good might see and hate, and the wicked seeing their errors despise. But I shall onely give a touch of each, because my intention is onely for a Pamphlet.

The Protestant,

His Religion which you see here placed first, is not unknowne unto you in the true badge of a Christian, nor can the placing of it among these corrupt Sects, any whit diminish its luster: it is like to a Diamond, wch though it be cast to the Dung-hill, looseth not a jot of its splendor, or like to a glow-worm which shineth most brightly in the night: Judge favourably of the autor, for his intentions are good towards the Protestant Religion, he hath placed it here to this intent, *that the ignorant professors of the rest may see the light, which seems more glarious to those who have walked so long in darknesse.*

The Puritans.

Here is one which is fluttered from the Cage of *Amsterdam*, striving to poyson as nere as he can the truth with his true-lyes, he holds with *Conventicles & private meetings*, hee speakes through the nose, holding that it was made for the same purpose.

The Papists.

This is an old *Recusant to the truth*, dect with his *Beads, Crosses, & Crucifixes*, *Cheape-side-crosse* cannot stand in quiet for him, being troubled with his daily *adorations*: he is ashamed to pray to God himselfe, his *Prayers are so full of Idolatry*, but hee must have Saints to interceed for him.

The Brownist.

This is a fellow which is all wit but the head, he had rather hear a cobbler, or a feltmaker preach so he doth it *extempore*, then heare a premeditated Sermon, pend, & preach't by a Scholler who can distinguish & unlock the secrets of the Scripture.

The Calvinist.

Now followeth one which holds his Antiquity from *Calvin*, whose opinion was as far distant one way, as the *Papists* is the other way, they will not allow of that which bears but the name of a Ceremony.

The Lutheran.

This *Luther* from whom they take their name was at first a great *Recusant*, till it pleased God to enlighten his eyes, and fled hither into *England* for Religion sake, now you may imagine that he returned a great many points which were erroneous, and they yet practise them.

The Family of love.

Her's a loving sect presented to you, they think that a man may gain salvation by shewing himselfe loving, especially to his neighbours wife, For by their Law it is allowed for one man to ly with another mans wife whilst he sleepeth.

The

The Mahometans.

This sect is led along with a certain foolish belief of *Mahomet* which professed himselfe to bee a *Prophet*, and this was his manner of deceiving: He taught a pigeon to pecke a pease from forth his eare, bearing the ignorant in hand that the *Holy Ghost* brought him news from Heaven.

The Adamites.

Here is a shamelesse sect, they ground their Religion from our Father *Adam*, and yet they goe naked when they heare prayers or prophesying, when he hid himselfe from the presence of God because he was naked.

The Brightmanists.

This sect is not of very long standing, they hold with *conventicles*, are enemies to the very name of a Bishop, holding with civill government, having no Ministers but Prophets, according as the Spirit shall move them.

The Arminians.

Arminius was the first of this sect, they hold many unhallowed things, as *liberum arbitrium*, Penances, Fasts, and such like, nay I thinke I most neereft expresse them, when I call them Cozen-German to the Papist.

The Sosinians.

Sosinus the wrangling Disputant was the Father of this Sect; They hold no true point at'all with the *Protestant*, but wrangle in every *Article*.

The Thessalonians.

These men hold only the new Testament to be Canonical, they wil not alow of any thing of the old Testament; They also set a prefixed time for the day of judgment, saying that before hand they know who shall be saved, & who shal be dāned.

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These men set themselves wholly against the Doctrine of John the Baptist, except onely in this that they will baptize with water, but they will not doe it whilest they are children, till they be able to answer for themselves. They write themselves members and children of God, and certain inheritors of the Kingdome of Heaven.

The Separatists.

The Latine word *Separo* doth fully denote their foolish opinions, they will not keep company with the wicked (*as they term them*) for fear they be taken as *Esops* speaking *daw* was.

The Chaldeans.

Chaldeus a notable *Negromancer* was the first which brought up this new Religion, they hold it fit to go to the *Devill*, to know any secret.

*Just like Medeas charms, who then durst tell,
If heaven did fail, she would command all Hell.*

The Electrians.

They say themselves to be Gods chosen, they gather two from a house, and one of a Family.

The Donatists.

Now here comes our charitable *Seēt*, who though they have been *Whoremongers*, *Adulterers*, *Thieves*, or *Murderers*, yet if they give of their store to the poore, for that good deed, they merit everlasting life.

The Persians.

This *Seēt* hath just as much Religion as a Beast, and no more; for they bow in *adoration* to the rising Sun, and I have read as much, that the *Elephants* adore the Moon.

The

The Antinomians.

The derivation of their name is from the *Greece* word, *Antinomos*, which signifies as much as *Law-breakers*, men that will live after their owne *Laws*, nay, they will not yield that any one of their own Sect shall command another.

The Assyrians.

Syrus of *Syria* in *Chalcidea* was the first that ever brought up this Sect, for hee being in love with a Maid knew not how to enjoy her company without the invention of this *conventicle*, where there is no talke but must favour of love.

The Macedonians.

These hold themselves onely subjects to the King of *Macedon*, who is their God, and the King of the whole World.

The Heathens.

These hold that there is a God, and they feare that God, but they hold that hee is so Majesticall and proud, that hee will not meddle with men; Therefore they live very beast-like.

The Panonians.

These men doe all goe like Shepherds, and they worship the Heathen God *Pan*, whom they feigne to be the God of Sheep.

The Saturnians.

The *Saturnians* worship one *Saturne*, whom they say was King of Heaven, but he was banished from thence by his Sonne *Jupiter*, who they say reignes now in Heaven.

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nians, for they say that *Saturne* died, and left his Daughter *Iuno* Queene of Heaven, who married with this *Jupiter*, and made him God, and from their loins have proceeded the rest of the Gods.

The Bacchanalians.

These men are more mad, ignorant, or impious then the rest, for they think, nay, they certainly believe, that they shall gaine Heaven by drinking healths, and hee which can drink most is worshipped among them, saying, that he is chosen a Priest to *Bacchus*.

The Damascians.

From *Damas* they are called *Damascians*, & this *Damas* is a Mountain in *Persia*, where they say, that our Saviour preached unto the people of that Countrey; for which cause, they will heare no preaching at all, but what shall be delivered on that Mount.

The Brotherhood.

Now I am come to a Period, for here is the Brotherhood, which is our last Sect, yet one too many, as are all the rest: which are Sects. It is unlawfull among them to call any one by any other name then Brother, or Sister, and they are as *Whoring Rogues* as ever breathed, but it is Religion among them, when it is done in zeale, you must pronounce the same terms which they doe, or else you are prophane, as he taught well, not preacht, &c.

Here Reader, mayst thou see, how I have briefly run over these 29 Sects: read it over, and the Lord give thee grace to make the best use of it, that is, to apply thy self to the first, and hate and eschew all the rest.

FINIS.